

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-3 were previously canceled.

Claims 5-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 19-24, 26, and 47 are canceled herein.

Claims 4, 8, 12, 15-16, 18, 28, and 29 have been amended.

The amendment of Claims 4, 8, 12, 15-16, 18, 28, and 29 is supported by the corresponding claims as previously filed, as well as the original specification at pages 1-10.

No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

REMARKS

Claims 4, 8, 12, 15-18, and 28-30 are pending in the present application.

Applicants thank Examiner Leith for the indication that Claims 12 and 25 are free from the prior art. In view of the amendments herein, reconsideration of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 4-5, 8, 15-19, and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (enablement), is obviated by amendment.

Applicants make no statement with respect to the propriety of this ground of rejection. Nonetheless, Applicants have amended the claims herein to expedite examination. It is requested that the cancellation of the previously pending scope of the invention, including non-elected claims, be without prejudice toward their presentation in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicants wish to acknowledge Examiner Leith for the indication that the specification is enabling for topical administration of an extract of cucumber. Claim 4 has been amended to accordingly. Therefore, consistent with the Examiner's indication, Claim 4 and the claims dependent therefrom should be allowed. Applicants further note that Claim 18 relates to the administration of an internal drug composition (e.g., a tablet or capsule (see page 6, lines 24-25)) comprising an extract of cucumber. For the same reasons that the specification enables topical administration of a composition comprising an extract of cucumber, Applicants submit that the specification fully enables the claimed method wherein an internal drug composition comprising an alcohol extract of cucumber.

Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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